

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COLUMBIA DIVISION

Synovus Bank, formerly Columbus Bank and Trust	)	C/A: 3:15-4906-JFA
Company, successor in interest through merger and	)	
by name change with the National Bank of South	)	
Carolina,	)	<b>ORDER SETTING</b>
	)	<b>PRETRIAL CONFERENCE</b>
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	
	)	
Charles R. McMillan, Jr.,	)	
Defendant.	)	
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In this recently filed action, the Court wishes to conduct a conference with the attorneys of record pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court will conduct the Rule 16 conference in Chambers on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Federal Courthouse, 901 Richland Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Matters to be taken up at the conference will include all those items identified in Rule 16(a) and (c).

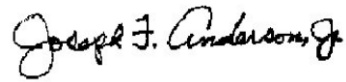
The attorneys of record shall themselves conduct a conference pursuant to Rule 26(f) no later than 21 days prior to the Rule 16 conference and shall attend the Rule 16 conference prepared to provide the Court with an oral Rule 26(f) report that will assist the Court in formulating a scheduling order.<sup>1</sup>

At the conclusion of the conference, the Court will announce certain deadlines to be met for the duration of this case and a written scheduling order will be entered.

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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that this Court's practice of meeting with the attorneys in person and receiving an oral Rule 26(f) report may not be consistent with the practice of other judges in this district. Because of the procedures outlined in this order, there is no need for the parties to file a written Rule 26(f) report, as required by other judges in the district.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph F. Anderson, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

February 24, 2016  
Columbia, South Carolina

Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.  
United States District Judge